



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:01pm.

- **Review of the September 26, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda**

The City Attorney requested the opportunity to meet with each Councilmember individually during the break between the Work Session and the Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Willis to conduct a closed Executive Session regarding Personnel. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The Executive Session began at 5:18pm and ended at 5:24pm.

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IN OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to close the Executive Session regarding Personnel. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Willis, khalid and Baker voted yea. Councilmembers Gumbs, Gilyard and Jackson were not present. Therefore, the motion passed, 4-0-0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember khalid to adjourn the Work Session. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Willis, khalid and Baker voted yea. Councilmembers Gumbs, Gilyard and Jackson were not present. Therefore, the motion passed, 4-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm.



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 7:00pm. Mayor Edwards recognized former State Representatives Virgil Fludd and LaDawn Blackett Jones for being present. Following the roll call, all members were present.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren T. Henry.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. Meeting Minutes – (1st - Millage Rate and Budget Hearing – 6:00pm) – Wednesday, September 13, 2017
- b. Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, September 13, 2017 (Regular Meeting - 7:00pm)
- c. Meeting Minutes (2nd - Millage Rate and Budget Hearing - 10:00am) – Tuesday, September 19, 2017
- d. Meeting Minutes – (3rd - Millage Rate and Budget Hearing – 6:00pm) – Tuesday, September 19, 2017
- e. Meeting Minutes – (Special Called Meeting – 7:00pm) – Tuesday, September 19, 2017
- f. Proclamation recognizing Apostle Vivian Dennis Appreciation Day. **(Edwards)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended relative to Councilmember Gilyard's recorded votes during two items at the Wednesday, September 13, 2017 Regular Meeting, Ord2017-017 and the City Manager's Report, thereby changing her votes from no to yea (See the minutes – Wednesday, September 13, 2017).

The Interim City Attorney was requested by Mayor Edwards to provide an opinion in writing regarding the matter of not voting (yea or no), as well as the matter regarding abstentions as requested by Councilmember Willis with respect to the Charter.

5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to adopt/approve the agenda as amended, withdrawing Councilmember khalid's Res2017-052. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

6. Proclamations and Recognitions
 - i. Proclamation recognizing October 2017 as Crime Prevention Month. (**Gumbs**)

PRESENTED

7. Public Comment
 - a. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each and public comment will not exceed 30 minutes. Speakers will not be allowed to yield or donate their time to other speakers.

The following sixteen (16) speakers offered public comment:

- **Mr. Tony (Fernanda) Davis**, concerning help with power and lights at Old National Park, as well as downed poles.
- **Mr. Melvin Bolton**, concerning lights at Old National Park. The park is supposed to be a safe haven but it is operating in the dark where fights and criminal activity can occur.
- **Ms. Angel Payne**, concerning the ability to use the City of South Fulton as an address and whether the same zip codes will be used.
- **Mr. Pennon Lockhart**, concerning the religious connotations in the proposed City Seal which may be in conflict with the Ten Commandments and he suggests using the Seal used during the Inauguration.
- **Mr. Michael Pointer**, concerning universities, colleges and technical schools to get satellite campuses in our City, and concerning money that comes to the City how much has come-in and how much is delinquent.
- **Ms. Cacheta Nowlin**, concerning Old National Park that really needs lights in concern of the criminal element in that area.
- **Ms. Marisa Miller**, concerning District 4 Economic Development committee and their work.

- **Ms. Eliese Fisher**, concerning District 4 development and interests, the Comp Plan, conducting studies and reclassifying zonings.
- **Ms. Renee Mumford**, concerning Old National Park, lack of Police presence dedicated to the park, and needing to know who should be called to help patrol the park. Georgia Power needs to provide basic lighting in the park.
- **Ms. Deborah Lynn Robinson Herring**, concerning what letter grade the newly elected officials should give themselves. Commitments to police officers, issues regarding Old National or any other parks. Behavior as leaders and on social media, and handling finances with common sense.
- **Ms. Glenda Collins**, concerning City Council assistants and their need, their work hours per week and pay ranges need to be justified. She is concerned with the need for Police and Firefighters.
- **Ms. LaDawn Blackett Jones**, concerning optimism and thank you's, doing things different than the other Cities, and listening to the community.
- **Ms. Jill Lindsey**, concerning Code Enforcement process for the new City and a lack of responses from the office regarding campaign signs that need to be removed from the right of ways.
- **Ms. Jewel Johnson**, concerning the after-effect of the last Budget hearings and some Councilmembers causing confusion of the facts, upcoming choices for the City and the ability to set long-term goals for the City.
- **Mr. Kenneth F. Joe, Sr.**, concerning keeping residents engaged and providing direct feedback to the City Council, concerns regarding a border-line illegal activity with respect to \$1 million getting lost or not being evident desires an explanation.
- **Ms. Jeri McCrary**, concerning a warehouse project being built behind her neighborhood (Wilkerson Mill, Palmetto, GA), they need help.

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8. Business

a. Resolutions

- i. Resolution for Transparency in Department Head Salaries
(khalid - Res2017-052)

WITHDRAWN

- ii. Resolution for the City of South Fulton for Instituting an
“OPENGOV” Program **(Gumbs – Res2017-053)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to adopt/approve Res2017-053. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

b. Ordinances

- i. **[THIRD READING]** Ordinance to Create Title 8 of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, Traffic and Vehicles, and to establish general rules of the road for the City of South Fulton. **(Willis - Ord2017-018)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Ord2017-018, with a friendly amendment by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to make an effective date of November 1, 2017 (Section 5). The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- ii. **[THIRD READING]** Ordinance granting permission and consent to Coweta-Fayette EMC (a franchise agreement). **(Ord2017-019)**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve Ord2017-019. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

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- iii. **[THIRD READING]** Ordinance relating to mortgages, conveyances to secure debt, and liens; to provide for definitions; to provide for guidelines for vacant and foreclosed property registries; to provide for exemptions; to provide for maximum fees and penalties for registration and failure to register; to provide for appellate rights; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; to repeal all ordinance and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes. **(Rowell – Ord2017-020)**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to approve Ord2017-020, as amended to Sec. 3-5004 (typographical), to replace Public Works references to Community Development Services, and to Sec. 3-5006 (an annual registration fee of \$100.00). The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- iv. **[FIRST READING]** Ordinance to comply with O.C.G.A. §50-18-70, ET SEQ.; Designating an “Open Records Officer” and “Assistant Open Records Officer(s)” for the City of South Fulton; Defining the duties and compensation thereof; providing for public record requests to be served upon the Open Records Officer or, in the Officer’s absence or unavailability, upon an Assistant Open Records Officer; providing for the manner of serving public records request on the Open Records Officer; providing for notice of the City’s open records procedures; providing reasonable charges for compliance with public records request; to repeal conflicting code provisions, ordinances, or portions thereof, in conflict with the foregoing; to establish an effective date; and for other purposes. **(Rowell – Ord2017-025)**

PRESENTED/DISCUSSED (FIRST READING)

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c. Other Action Items

i. Request approval of the following Board Appointment:

1. Zoning Board of Appeals

- a. Mr. Kalvin Bennett to replace Ms. Amethyst Harris **(Jackson)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Khalid to approve the Board appointment. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

~~9. Unfinished Business~~

10. City Manager's Weekly Update

- **Interim City Manager Ruth C. Jones gave an overview of her report.**
- **Councilmember Gumbs requested an explanation of the 1 million dollar discussion being placed on the website.**
- **Chief Financial Officer Frank Milazi provided information regarding timing and cash flow of the City.**
- **Mayor Pro Tem Rowell requested an analysis for next meeting of the payment obligations with respect to the TANs approved by Council.**
- **Councilmember Baker requested a liaison to actively respond and recruit for Police officers, since we now have a P.O.S.T. designation.**
- **Mayor Pro Tem Rowell requested recommendations from the Interim City Manager for the next Work Session on October 10, 2017, to ensure we are ready for the Police Department to move over.**
- **Councilmember Willis requested a presentation on the millage rate regarding a cap of 3% from the Chief Tax Appraiser Dwight Robinson.**

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11. Mayor and City Council Comments (Two minutes each)

The Mayor and all City Councilmembers made announcements or statements regarding activities within their respective districts or within the City.

12. Executive Session (CLOSED), if necessary

An executive session was held during the Work Session. Please see the Work Session minutes for 9-26-2017.

13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.